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2 Timothy 2:19-21

“Sure Foundation”



**¹⁹ Nevertheless
the foundation
of God
standeth sure,**

having this seal, The
Lord knoweth them
that are his. And, Let
every one that nameth
the name of Christ
depart from iniquity.

²⁰ But in a great house
there are not only
vessels of gold and of
silver, but also of
wood and of earth;
and some to honour,
and some to
dishonour.

**21 If a man therefore
purge himself from
these, he shall be a
vessel unto honour,
sanctified, and meet
for the master's
use, and prepared
unto every good
work.**

Question:
What is meant by,
“foundation of God
standeth sure”?

Answer:

Though people may have varied opinions about *who's who* and *what's what*, in relation to “the resurrection” and to God (see verse 18), the Lord knows those who belong to Him.

Further, it's most telling that while this passage encourages a sense of security, which is derived from true faith in God; it immediately reminds

readers of the importance
of right-living.

In verse 19, we have the words, “foundation”, “sure”, and, “seal”. Those words are followed by a sentence which clearly promotes a sense of stability, “...the Lord knoweth them that are his.”

But, within the same verse, we are reminded, “...Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.” It's similar to

saying, “Yes, you belong to God, but remember, as such, you will behave as if you really understand what naming the name of Christ actually means.

You will SHOW that you KNOW. You will exhibit a life that is grateful for Christ's sin-removing sacrifice, by staying away from sin.”

We, Believers, should, “purge” from dishonorable

vessels. Instead, we should
desire to associate
with honorable vessels
and be such, ourselves.
Prior verses in this chapter,
warn of the dangers of, NOT
departing from and NOT
purging oneself from
iniquity.

Verses 17 and 18, speak
of two males who were,
not only in doctrinal error,
themselves, but caused
others to lose faith in God.

Verse 21, tells of the benefits of separating oneself from iniquity:

- You'll be honorable.
- You'll be set apart for a godly purpose.
- You'll be useful to God and, ready, to do “every good work”.

To some, the passage may seem to support a salvation-by-works message.

And, indeed, it is sometimes
misused that way.

Nonetheless, it is actually a
self-check. You'll be able to
see how serious you are
about your walk with God, by
looking at your actual life in
comparison to the way it
should, be.

That total-faith-in-God,
separated-from-world-think,
surrendered-to-God life
is an honorable vessel.

It is able to rest on the
foundation of God,
which stands.

That foundation is
guaranteed, solid, and stable.